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## Business Notices.

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Hongkong, January 2, 1903. 16

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBI-  
LITY of Mr. GEORGE DIXWELL  
FEARON in our Firm CEASED on the 31st  
December, 1902. Mr. EDWIN ALFRED  
STANTON is authorized to Sign the  
Firm's name from this date.

DEACON & CO.

Canton, January 1, 1903. 9

### NOTICE.

WE have This Day authorised Mr. W. E.  
PUCHER to Sign our Firm by  
Procuration.  
SANDER, WIELER & CO.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1903. 5

### NOTICE.

MR. ERNST OTTO STRUCKMEYER  
has this day been admitted a  
Partner in our Firm at Hongkong and in  
China.  
SIEMSEN & CO.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1903. 8

### NOTICE.

WE have This Day established ourselves  
in Hongkong as GENERAL MER-  
CHANTS and COMMISSION AGENTS.  
SCHWIER, UPFEL & CO.,  
Office, 50 Queen's Road, Central,  
(above Tak Cheung).  
Hongkong, January 1, 1903. 10

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBI-  
LITY of our late partner, Mr. F. A.  
BROCKELMAN, in our firm ceased on  
the 31st December, a.p.  
The business will be carried on under  
the same style as hitherto by the remaining  
partners, Mr. H. HEYN and Mr. E. R.  
FUHRMANN.

Mr. CHRISTIAN NÖNCHEN, our  
Manager in Tientsin, has been authorised  
to Sign the Firm.  
Mr. ARNO EMANUEL and Mr. CARL  
THEIL have been authorised to Sign our  
Firm by Procuration.  
REUTER, BROCKELMAN & CO.,  
Hongkong, January 1, 1903. 1

### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that we and  
after date Mr. S. E. BOWEN, in con-  
junction with either Mr. K. Wibel, or Mr. C.  
Mittell, is authorised to Sign our Firm  
name per procuration. Mr. K. Wibel and  
Mr. C. Mittell are also authorised to  
jointly sign our Firm name per procuration  
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Hongkong, January 6, 1903. 37

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## Intimations.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY,  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an  
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING of the CHINA-BORNEO  
COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the  
REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company,  
4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the  
Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY,  
the 14th day of JANUARY, 1903, at 12  
Noon, for the purpose of confirming the  
following Resolution passed at the Extra-  
ordinary General Meeting of the Company  
held this day (28th December, 1902).

## RESOLUTION.

That for the purpose of carrying into  
effect the Special Resolution duly passed  
and confirmed at Extraordinary General  
Meetings of the Company held on the  
11th and 27th days of October, 1902,  
the Company be wound up voluntarily  
under the Provisions of the Com-  
panies Ordinances 1863 to 1889, and that  
the HONORABLE CHARLES STURGEON  
SHARP, ALEXANDER GEORGE  
WOOD, and JOHN THOMAS MARTIN  
WHEELER be appointed Liquidators of the  
said Company with liberty for each of  
them solely to exercise all the powers  
and authorities which the Liquidators of  
the joint liquidators, and that for the like  
purpose the Memorandum and Articles  
of Association of and to the reformation  
of the Company to be incorporated under  
the Companies Ordinances of Hongkong  
under the name of The China-Borneo Com-  
pany, Limited, or some similar title.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1902.  
By Order of the Consulting Committee,  
WILLIAM D. JUPP,  
Acting Manager.

## NAVY LEAGUE.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of the Members and Associates of the  
Hongkong Branch of the Navy League will  
be held in the City Hall on THURSDAY,  
the 16th January, 1903, at 5.30 p.m.  
H. E. PORTLOCK, Esq., K.O. in the Chair.

## G. C. ANDERSON,

Navy League, Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, January 7, 1903. 49

THE WEST POINT BUILDING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the  
FOURTEENTH ORDINARY  
MEETING of Shareholders in this Company  
will be held at the COMPANY'S  
OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY,  
the 16th January, 1903, at 11.30 o'clock  
a.m., for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the Directors, together with  
Statement of Accounts for the year ending  
31st December, 1902.

The Register of Shares of the Company  
will be CLOSED on Saturday, the 15th  
January, to Monday, the 26th January  
(both days inclusive), during which period  
no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to the  
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency  
Company, Limited.

General Agents for the  
West Point Building Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, January 7, 1903. 44

THE HONGKONG LAND  
INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO.,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the  
FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEET-  
ING of Shareholders in this Company will  
be held at the CENTRAL OFFICES, Victoria  
Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January,  
1903, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors, together with Statement of  
Accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-  
ber, 1902.

The Register of Shares of the Company  
will be CLOSED from Saturday, the 15th  
January, to Monday, the 26th January  
(both days inclusive), during which period  
no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 7, 1903. 44

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an  
Extraordinary Meeting of the Directors  
of the Company, held at the Company's  
Office, No. 15, Beconfield Arcade, Victo-  
ria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 5th day  
of January, 1903, the following Resolution  
was passed:-

That in pursuance of the Special  
Resolution passed on the 11th day  
of November, 1902, and confirmed  
on the 27th day of November, 1902,  
a Call of Fifty Cents per share be  
made upon all holders of Ordinary  
Shares in the above Company, and the  
same is hereby made. Such Call  
to be paid to the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation, at  
their Premises, Queen's Road Cen-  
tral, Victoria, Hongkong, on or  
before the 9th day of February,  
1903.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that  
in accordance with Article 24 of the Com-  
pany's Articles of Association, interest at  
the rate of 10 per centum per annum will  
be charged upon all Calls remaining unpaid  
after the 9th day of February, 1903, up to  
the actual dates of payment of the same.  
Shareholders are requested to note that  
upon presentation to the Office of the  
Company of the Bankers' Receipt for pay-  
ment of the Call, and surrender of existing  
Certificates of the Shares pertaining there-  
to, new Share Certificates will be issued  
bearing an endorsement of the payment of  
the said Call.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. KERFOOT HUGHES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 6, 1903. 55

## SECOND EDITION.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCHES OF  
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Wares, Curiosities, and Fancy Goods.  
An Inspection is earnestly solicited.  
Hongkong, December 15, 1902. 2775

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Limited, Singapore, is prepared to  
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or COMPLETION of a new GRAV-  
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Singapore, of the following dimensions,  
viz:-  
Length ..... 400 feet.  
Width at entrance, at sill level. 50 ..  
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as shown in the drawings and described in  
the specification.

Specifications and Plans of the proposed  
Dock may be seen at the Office of the  
Company in Singapore.

The Company does not bind itself to  
accept the lowest or any tender.  
Tenders shall be for a cash payable in  
Singapore, in Singapore currency.

Sealed tenders addressed to the under-  
signed, will be received up to the 28th day  
of February, 1903.  
By order of the Directors,  
W. C. NIVEN,  
Secretary.

The Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited.

Singapore, November 21, 1902. 2515

## PARIS MODES.

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UNTRIMMED HATS made up to  
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Choice Assortment of

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## Sweetmeats.

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Hongkong, December 15, 1902. 2604

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## TANG YUEN,

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ary. Large, Airy, and Well-furnished  
Rooms. Uninterrupted View of Har-  
bour.

Apply on Premises or FAIRALL & CO.,  
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Hongkong, January 8, 1902. 95

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WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

## TIME TABLE.

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8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.  
9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.  
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
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1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
2.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
2.45 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

## NIGHT GARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. 9.45 p.m. to 11.15  
p.m. every half hour.

## SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.  
9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.  
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.  
11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.  
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.  
7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

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Hongkong, December 17, '02. 1061

## Auctions.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions  
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TURES, TEA SETS, LAQUEURED ALBUMS,  
etc., etc.

Terms:-Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HUGHES,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, January 6, 1903. 55

## Intimations.

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## Auctions

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-  
tions from Messrs. KRESS & Co., to  
Sell by Public Auction,  
on  
SATURDAY,  
the 10th January, 1903, AT NOON, at his  
Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,  
20 BICYCLES,  
(Columbia and Starbrand makes).

The above are in first-class condition  
and are only being sold to close consign-  
ments.

TERMS:-Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 7, 1903. 45

## To Let.

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GODOWNS paved with granite at  
WANCHAI, with Pier, suitable for  
Storage of Coal or any other mer-  
chandise.  
Apply to  
555 QUEEN'S ROAD.  
Hongkong, December 8, 1902. 2528

## TO LET, OR FOR SALE.

SPERANZA, THE PEAK. Immediately  
off Plantation Road Station. SIX  
ROOMS, including detached Bachelor  
Quarters. Excellent situation.  
S. SETH,  
DARY FARM CO.  
Hongkong, December 30, 1902. 2597

## TO LET.

A HOUSE at the PEAK, partly  
furnished, from January 1 to June  
30, 1903.  
Apply to 28 BONHAM ROAD,  
West Point.  
Hongkong, November 20, 1902. 2407

## TO LET.

MEIRON No. 2, the Peak, 6 Room  
House near the Flagstaff; from  
1st October, 1902.  
Apply to,  
E. JONES HUGHES.  
Hongkong, October 7, 1902. 2602

## TO LET.

NOS. 10, 12 and 14, LEIGHTON HILL  
ROAD.  
For Particulars, please apply to  
Mr. L. PAK,  
Care of Comptroller,  
Nippon Yusen Kaisha,  
1st Floor No. 1, Prince's Buildings,  
Chater Road.  
Hongkong, December 5, 1902. 2512

## TO LET.

NO. 10 ROBINSON ROAD, SIX-  
ROOMED HOUSE (Corner Lot).  
Possession on 1st January, 1903.  
Apply to ABRAHAM RUMJAHN,  
62 Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, November 20, 1902. 2463

## TO LET.

TWO SPACIOUS GODOWNS-Nos. 95  
and 96, PRAYA EAST.  
HOTEL  
Apply to  
H. N. MODY,  
Victoria Buildings.  
Hongkong, December 2, 1902. 2483

## TO LET.

GODOWNS at WANCHAI with Pier  
suitable for Storage of Coal or any  
other Merchandise.  
Apply to  
104, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.  
Hongkong, December 23, 1902. 2645

## TO LET.

SEVERAL newly-built HOUSES at  
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PEAN FLATS in Wanchai Road.  
The Undersigned will be glad to under-  
take the letting, etc., of Houses for Owners  
of Property.  
S. A. SEETH,  
DARY FARM CO.  
Hongkong, December 31, 1902. 2183

## OFFICE TO LET.

AT 54, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL  
(shop).  
Apply to  
Mr. SIN SING,  
Director,  
14, D'Almeida Street.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1903. 21

## TO LET.

HAYFOR at the PEAK.  
HOUSES in LEIGHTON HILL ROAD.  
THE RETREAT, MOUNT KATERA,  
FLATS in MOUNT TIAN, CHATER ROAD,  
DAY, FACING THE POLO GROUNDS.  
GODOWNS at BOWLINGTOWN (Praya  
East).  
No. 1 PRIMA TERRACE.  
GROUND FLOOR of No. 4 BLUE  
BUILDINGS.  
Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-  
MENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1903. 18

## TO LET.

SEVERAL WELL FURNISHED  
BIG ROOMS. May also be used as  
Offices.  
Apply to  
THE COSMOPOLITAN HOUSE,  
No. 34, Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, December 12, 1902. 2582

## A DANIEL IN JUDGMENT.

More good stories are told of ex-Com-  
missioner Robert Malcolm Kerr, of the City  
of London Court, whose death was an-  
nounced last month, than of any other  
man of recent times. He was one of the  
wittiest, shrewdest, and most fearless men  
who have ever sat on the bench, says the  
Daily Express, and his death removes from  
contemporary life another of the rapidly  
disappearing characters and personalities  
which our age seems unable to produce.  
He was a great opponent of people going  
to law over trivial matters. Once he was  
protesting in his usual vigorous manner  
against the triviality of a claim for com-  
pensation brought by a man who had been  
bitten by a dog. 'But, your lordship,'  
pleaded the counsel for the plaintiff,  
'what would you do if a ferocious dog  
rushed into court and bit your lordship?'  
'I should see that the policeman who  
looks after the door was promptly dis-  
missed,' was the unexpected reply.

Another crushing reply to a trivial charge  
was made when a boy eleven years old was  
brought before him for stealing a handful  
of sweets. 'The proper course to adopt,'  
he said, 'would have been to take the child  
into the back-yard and inflict punishment  
upon that part of his anatomy which was  
a beneficent and far-seeing Nature has provid-  
ed for the specific purpose.'

## HARD ON LAWYERS.

In fact, for a man whose living came from  
the law, he occasionally gave queer advice.  
Once he said: 'Never go to law under any  
circumstances. You had much better lose  
your money than go to law. As a rule, it  
only puts money into the pockets of the  
lawyers - the very worst possible form in  
which money can be spent.'

His witty sayings did not lose anything  
from the fact that, although he was for  
forty-two years on the bench, he never lost  
his accent. To the last he spoke in the  
broadest Scotch dialect. This is well  
illustrated by a favourite summing-up for-  
mula he often used. 'Gentlemen,' he  
would say, 'you have heard-e-d the evi-  
dence just was weel as I ha' heard-e-d  
myself. I just leave the case to the casu-  
alness which justice is supposed to possess.  
Cawnseder your verdict.'

## KING DAVID AND LIARS.



a famous judgment on one occasion for one of this class. A young City clerk, who had originally owed twelve pounds, had been freed in the usual manner. The judge thought that the youth had paid enough already, so he made an order for the payment of the debt—by instalments of one penny a month. The last instalment was thus become due in the year 2141, or 239 years hence.

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About Christmas the good woman wakes ye to look fr the burglar an' after ye've piddled around in the ice for a week, ye climb back into bed grubbun' an' go to sleep again. After awhile ye snore an' the wife iv ye's bosom pusses ye. "What time is it?" says ye. "It's a quarter past the fifteenth iv January," says she, "and that siren iv ye or his been goin' since New Year's day."

#### WHAT IS A COUGH?

A spasmodic effort to expel the mucus from the bronchial tubes. A cold causes a more abundant secretion of mucus, and when the lungs and bronchial tubes are inflamed, they are extremely sensitive to the irritation. Unless care is taken, the cold may result in pneumonia, which is swift and deadly. If the cold is a lingering one, the more leisurely but equally fatal consumption may set in. Do not neglect a cold or cough. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always cures and cures quickly. For sale by All Dealers; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

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Hongkong, April 24, 1900. 628

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Hongkong, March 18, 1900. 555

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Hongkong, October 27, 1902. 140

#### His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Officer.	Last reported at.
Abercrombie	despatch-vessel	1700	—	3000	Comdr. Seymour R. Erskine	Singapore
Albatross	battleship, 1st class	12,950	16	13,500	Captain T. H. M. Jernin	Hongkong
Albatross	ship	1050	6	1400	Commander H. Nugent	Hongkong
Amphitrite	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	15,000	Capt. Charles Windham, C.V.O.	Weihaiwei
Argonaut	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	16	15,000	Captain George H. Cherry	Singapore
Blenheim	cruiser, 1st class	9000	12	13,000	Captain P. G. Stopford	Shanghai
Bramble	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Comd. F. M. Leake	Hankow
Britannia	gunboat, 1st class	710	6	1300	Lieut.-Comd. T. D. Pratt	Hongkong
Cassidy	cruiser, 1st class	12,000	14	21,000	Captain Henry M. Tudor	Hongkong
Chubb	water tank and tug	550	—	300	—	Hongkong
Colborne	cruiser, 2nd class	6000	11	9500	Captain Robert H. S. Stokes	Hongkong
Essex	3rd class coast defence	363	3	300	—	—
Esperanza	ship	1070	10	1400	Comdr. Ernest Barton	Shanghai
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	380	4	8700	Comdr. John J. Graham	Shanghai
Forbes	gunboat, 2nd class	1550	12	3200	In Reserve	Hongkong
Firebrand	battleship, 1st class	12,550	16	13,500	Captain W. A. Carter	Singapore
Goliath	battleship, 1st class	12,550	16	13,500	Capt. F. H. Henderson, C.M.G.	Singapore
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Com. G. C. Hardy	Weihaiwei
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	—	Shanghai
Humber	ship	1440	—	800	Comdr. J. D. McIntee	Hongkong
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	250	6	3900	Fleet Reserve	Hongkong
Kinsale	river gunboat	—	4	—	Lt.-Comdr. G. S. Powell	Hongkong
Moorthen	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. G. G. Webster	Canton
Mutua	ship	980	10	1400	Comdr. C. W. M. Penderleath	Hongkong
Ocean	battleship, 1st class	12,850	16	13,500	Captain R. W. White	Hongkong
Otter	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lt.-Com. C. P. Mansel	Shanghai
Phoenix	ship	1015	6	1400	Commander W. H. Nicholson	Hongkong
Pique	cruiser, 2nd class	3000	8	7000	Capt. Harry C. Reynolds	Shanghai
Ramblar	Surveying-vessel	835	6	650	Captain Morris H. Smyth	Hongkong
Rinaldo	ship	950	10	1400	Com. D. St. A. Wren	Canton
Robin	river gunboat	250	6	1400	Lt.-Com. John P. Ivon	Shanghai
Rosario	ship	85	2	240	Com. G. A. W. Hamilton	Hongkong
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Com. Murray Lockhart	Shanghai
Snipe	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Worsley	Shanghai
Talbot	torpedo boat destroyer	250	6	6500	Fleet Reserve	Singapore
Tamar	cruiser, 2nd class	5000	11	9500	Commodore Robinson	Shanghai
Tartar	receiving ship	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. R. W. Dalgety	Wooing
Twined	coast defence gunboat	363	3	200	Lieut. Forbes	Hongkong
Vestal	ship	980	10	1400	Comdr. S. St. John Farquhar	Hongkong
Waterwitch	surveying ship	620	—	450	Lt.-Comdr. Ernest C. Hardy	Shanghai
Wendell	torpedo boat destroyer	320	6	550	Lt.-Com. C. Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Hankow
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	550	Lieut.-Com. Hugh Somerville	Shanghai
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	550	Lieut.-Com. Chichester	Shanghai

\* Flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Cyprian A. G. Bridge, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief.

\*\* Flag of Rear-Admiral Harry T. Grenfell, C.M.G.

#### Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Officer.	Last reported at.
Kaiser Karl VI	Austrian cruiser	6250	20	12,800	Captain Dredger	Nanking
Alouette	French gunboat	300	—	—	Lieut. A. Belley	Shanghai
Argus	French gunboat	475	3	450	Capt. Crespin	Canton
Aspic	French gunboat	—	—	—	Commander Jourdain	Saigon
Avalanche	French gunboat	580	—	—	—	Canton River
Bengali	French gunboat	580	—	—	Lieut. Fille	Haiiphong
Bugard	French cruiser	4000	19	9000	Capt. Lefevre	Nanking
Comete	French gunboat	620	—	—	Commander Leamy	Haiiphong
Decidie	French gunboat	620	—	—	—	Shanghai
d'Entrecasteaux	French flag-ship	8114	14	13,500	Captain Fournet	Tonkin
Friant	French cruiser	3730	10	8000	Captain Seris	Woozung
Kersaint	French gunboat	1250	6	2200	Capt. Lo Golleur	Tonkin
Lion	French gunboat	470	—	—	Capt. Bécue	Saigon
Oly	French gunboat	363	14	8500	Capt. Hurst	Yangtze
Pascal	French cruiser	3638	8	6071	Captain Souda	Shanghai
Redoubtable	French cruiser	9437	8	6071	Captain Bonifay	Shanghai
Styx	French cruiser	1800	—	—	Capt. Vincent	Saigon
Surprise	French gunboat	620	2	900	Captain Mornet	Shanghai
Taklang	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Yangtze
Vaulan	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Blendet	Ayung Bay
Vigilant	French gunboat	—	—	—	—	Canton
Viper	French gunboat	400	4	441	Comdr. Villeneuve	Saigon
Bussard	German gunboat	1600	8	2900	Comdr. von Bassewitz	Kiautschow
Furst Bismarck	German flag-ship	11,000	36	14,000	Captain Friedrich	Hongkong
Geier	German gunboat	1600	8	1400	Comdr. Berger	Singapore
Hansa	German cruiser	6000	20	10,000	Capt. Paschen	Shanghai
Bertha	German cruiser	6000	20	10,000	Capt. Derzowski	Shanghai
Ilithy	German gunboat	1000	10	1300	Lieut.-Commander Hallermann	Canton
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	10	1300	—	Shanghai
Luft	German gunboat	950	10	1300	—	Yangtze
Schulze	German gunboat	1220	8	1500	Comdr. Wuthmann	Singapore
Scauder	German gunboat	1600	8	2800	Comdr. Hoffmann	Nanking
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1300	Comdr. Schrader	Bangkok
Vorwarts	German gunboat	—	—	—	Comdr. von Weiss	Shanghai
Thetis	German gunboat	—	—	—	—	Shanghai
Lombardia	Italian cruiser	2900	10	6843	Captain John Boet	Shanghai
Marco Polo	Italian cruiser	4583	10	10,543	Captain Botti	Shanghai
Vesuvius	Italian cruiser	4500	14	6820	Captain Zezi	Shanghai
Diu	Portuguese gunboat	750	—	—	Captain d'Azevedo	Macao
Zaire	Portuguese gunboat	500	—	—	Capt. F. J. Barboza Leal	Hongkong
Admiral Nakhimoff	Russian cruiser	9000	18	8000	Captain Stenmann	Singapore
Alouet	Russian gunboat	810	6	720	Comdr. Guinter	Vladivostok
Amur	Russian cruiser	2600	5	4700	Comdr. Gramatchiko	Port Arthur
Bobra	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1150	Comdr. Zolovskiy	Nevskoyang
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	4	3300	Capt. Yevdich	Port Arthur
Gremiakchy	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2000	Comdr. Zagoransky	Shanghai
Gromobol	Russian battleship	12,364	44	14,500	Captain Jesson	Nagasaki
Guiliak	Russian gunboat	1000	5	1000	Comdr. Shumoff	Shanghai
Korsets	Russian gunboat	1213	7	1500	Comdr. Novakowsky	Nanking
Korsets	Russian gunboat	1224	7	1400	Comdr. Muraviev	Shanghai
Otvajny	Russian gunboat	1490	6	2400	Comdr. Vasiliel	Port Arthur
Peresviet	Russian battleship	19,674	15	14,500	Captain Koroff	Nagasaki
Potopavlovsk	Russian battleship	10,980	16	10,800	Captain Jakovlef	Port Arthur
Poltava	Russian battleship	10,980	16	10,800	Captain Koroff	Port Arthur
Rurik	Russian gunboat	1334	10	1786	Comdr. Kornyak	Shanghai
Sesavostop	Russian protected cruiser	12,300	32	17,000	Captain Seberbramhoff	Vladivostok
Slavich	Russian gunboat	10,928	26	13,250	Capt. Matsuevich	Nagasaki
Slavich	Russian gunboat	10,960	16	10,800	Captain Seberbramhoff	Nagasaki
Slavich	Russian gunboat	950	2	1125	Lieut.-Comdr. Tronoff	Port Arthur
Varag	Russian gunboat	1050	8	1125	Comdr. Ginter	Port Arthur
Vedick	Russian cruiser	6300	27	20,000	Capt. Bahr	Port Arthur
Zadik	Russian gunboat	500	9	3300	Comdr. Zagoriansky-Kisael	Port Arthur
Zadik	Russian cruiser	1000	8	1194	Comdr. Abramoff	Port Arthur
Amnolla	U. S. gunboat	1200	10	1200	Commander Karl Bohrer	—
Don Juan de Austria	U. S. gunboat	1159	8	1277	Commander C. G. Brown	—
Prolio	U. S. gunboat	1133	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. J. M. Holm	Manila
General Alava	U. S. gunboat	1800	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. W. F. Halse	Manila
Helena	U. S. gunboat	1802	8	1983	Comdr. R. R. Ingessoll	Manila
Kentucky	U. S. flag-ship	11,140	41	10,000	Captain C. H. Stockton	Manila
Leila	U. S. gunboat	1802	2	750	Captain T. H. Stevens	Manila
Monadnock	U. S. monitor	3200	11	2000	Capt. Mahan	Shanghai
Monocacy	U. S. gunboat	1800	6	850	Comdr. F. M. Wise	Tak
Monterey	U. S. monitor	4000	4	5244	Comdr. Drake	Hongkong
New Orleans	U. S. cruiser	8000	—	—	Lieut.-Comdr. Sperry	Manila
New York	U. S. flag-ship	11,140	41	10,000	Captain M. R. S. Mackenzie	Amoy
Peterson	U. S. gunboat	1800	6	800	Comdr. C. R. Selfridge	Nagasaki
Richmond	U. S. gunboat	1800	—	—	Comdr. Leander	Hongkong
Vicksburg	U. S. cruiser	10,000	10	1118	Commander E. S. Barry	Manila
Wilmington	U. S. gunboat	1200	8	1804	Commander E. S. Prim	Amoy
Yorktown	U. S. gunboat	1700	6	1801	Commander Ward	Manila



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Auction.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curios at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms, Ice House Street.  
Amusements.  
9 p.m.—Performance in the City Hall.

**General Memoranda.**  
MONDAY, January 12.—  
3 p.m.—Auction of Several Lots Nos. 1 to 19 for erection of Booths and Mats, at North of the Grand Stand Enclosure.  
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Lands at the Public Work Department.  
WEDNESDAY, January 14.—  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China-Borneo Co., Ltd., at the Company's Registered Office.  
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Eother Mark Lodge.  
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THURSDAY, January 15.—  
9 p.m.—Performance in the City Hall.  
Monday, January 19.—  
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WEDNESDAY, January 21.—  
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The National Bank of China, Ltd., at the Bank's Premises.

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**The China Mail.**  
HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1903.

The members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce are indebted to their Chairman (Hon. C. S. Sharp) for the carefully prepared speech he made at the recent meeting of the Chamber's Committee held to discuss the advisability of calling a general meeting of the members to consider the currency question. We have read carefully the authorised report of the Committee, and have arrived at the conclusion that there is an utter absence of convincing arguments against the adoption of a gold standard in Hongkong. Mr. Sharp spoke of the 'fearful' loss that would accrue by the demonetization of the present dollar currency, and proceeds to say that should China adopt gold as her currency standard Hongkong must follow her. So far as we can see China uses silver as an item in her currency, but has practically no standard at all. Whether this is good or bad for China, we are not prepared to say without hearing evidence on the point, but on the face of it, it does not appear to be beneficial to China, and if ever her financial condition be placed on a more satisfactory state than at present, a reform of her currency and a fixed standard which shall have universal application within her own empire must be part of the scheme. Assuming that China adopts a gold standard, does Hongkong's position in respect to demonetized currency, become any better? Will not the evils which Mr. Sharp advances have become more acute, and will not the hardship be all the greater to the holders of local silver currency? Will the Colony's position, as apart from the individual, be any better by waiting for or following China? At present, the Colony raises its revenue in silver, but pays for its supplies through the Crown Agents in gold and pays official salaries on a fixed gold basis. Every fractional depreciation of silver involves the Colony in pecuniary loss, and adds to the burden of the taxpayer. The position, therefore, is that a large section of the community (officials excluded) has lost, is losing and is likely to lose because of the depreciation of silver and the consequent effects upon the local currency. The Colony has also lost and is likely to lose unless the currency is based on a gold standard. Some of the members of the Chamber's Committee hint at probable loss of trade should this be done; but none of them make it clear how the Colony's trade would be injuriously affected, although it is possible that the exchange banks and a few residents will not make the profits in Hongkong they are making under present conditions. The profits of those mediums of trade may be made somewhere on the mainland, but so far as the actual handling of cargo is concerned there is no clear or convincing statement as to how the trade is to forsake Hongkong. Making due allowance for the conveniences afforded by the banks, we take it that the banks are here because of the trade and not that the trade is here because of the banks. We give the members of the Committee credit for absolute disinterestedness; but we cannot help thinking that their personal bias is influenced by their personal environment, and that they are not so able to arrive at a reliable decision as would an absolutely impartial Commission appointed from Home.

Mr. Sharp was very mild in his reference to the people who write to the newspapers advocating that 'something should be done' to save them from the evil effects of a steadily depreciating currency. His mildness suggests that he recognises the hardships inflicted upon those who made the demand. He says they suggest no remedy. In that he is mistaken. The remedy, in their opinion, is the readjustment of the currency standard. How the readjustment is to be effected in detail locally they do not venture a suggestion; and we do not see that their failure to do so is an argument against the readjustment. There is a feeling among the members of the Chamber that the question of the Hongkong currency should be enquired into by an expert Commission appointed by the Colonial Office, and that is a point which should not be made dependent on the Committee's personal opinions on the helplessness or otherwise of the Colony to escape from the present unsatisfactory state of affairs. Putting the purely

local question aside, however, it seems to us that some good might be done by co-operation within the British Empire to bring influence upon all the minting countries to adopt the same ratio, weight and fineness of gold and silver coins, on the decimal system. This is a much broader aspect of the question than is presented locally; but it is not outside the range of practical economics. International arbitration, undreamt of not so many years ago, is already an accomplished fact; international postal and telegraph agreements are not unknown; and it should not be impossible to establish an international currency agreement on the lines suggested in the article published by us in 1897 and reproduced in this issue. In the transactions of the local Chamber of Commerce, we observe, from time to time, letters from corresponding Chambers of Commerce asking for support for schemes propounded by them. We do not know that the Hongkong Chamber has ever originated anything or asked for universal support. Here is an opportunity for it to distinguish itself.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**  
**Football.**  
A friendly football match will be played on the Hongkong F.C. ground on Saturday, between the Hongkong F.C. and the V.R.C. The V.R.C. will play in colours and will be represented by the following:—Goal, J. H. R. Hanco; backs, G. Wilson and J. Wicheol; half-backs, R. Lapsley (captain), E. R. Herton, and J. Ferguson; forwards, H. A. Soth, R. Henderson, A. Humphreys, H. S. Holmes and H. W. Sayer.

**The Week of Prayer.**  
The Chairman at last night's meeting at Room 13, Beaconsfield Arcade, was Dr. J. C. Thomson, the subject being 'Home Missions and all Gospel work in the Colonies and outlying Settlements of all nations.' The leader was Rev. T. R. Pearce, of the London Mission. At to-night's meeting, the subject is 'Special Work among the Young, Families and Schools,' the leader being Rev. E. J. Anstey, R.N. To-morrow (Friday), the subject will be 'Nations and their Rulers.' Captain Brown will preside, and the leader will be Rev. J. H. France. The meetings are held from 5.15 to 6.15 p.m. The last meeting takes place on Saturday.

**Variety Entertainment.**  
On Thursday, the 15th inst., an entertainment will be given in the City Hall in aid of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home in Arsenal Street. From what we hear, it is evident that the show will be much above the average. The men of the flagship *Albatross* have performed at Islington, and have quite a reputation, and the Chinese jugglers and acrobats belong to a class seldom seen on the City Hall stage. It is needless to say that the object for which the entertainment is organised is well worthy of local support; but apart from this the excellence of the programme should be sufficient in itself to ensure the generous patronage of the public.

**Quarantine in Dutch Colonies.**  
Mr. Drouze, Consul-General for the Netherlands, writes to us as follows under yesterday's date:—I have the honour to inform you that the Governor-general of Netherlands-India has decreed that all ships or vessels arriving from Hongkong or having called at this port are subject to quarantine in the Netherlands-India to a quarantine often days from the date of departure from this port or since the last case of plague on board. Importation is temporarily prohibited of animal refuse, claws and hoofs, animal or human hair and bristles, hides, which are untanned and which are salted or cured with arsenic, raw wool and rags, bags or sacks which have already been used, coming from Hongkong or transhipped at this port. Also it is temporarily prohibited to import from Hongkong into Netherlands-India tapestry and used embroideries unless they are transported as personal baggage or in consequence of change of residence.

**The Club Lusitano.**  
Our Portuguese contemporary (*O Patriota*) of the 7th inst. contains correspondence relative to the expulsion from the Club Lusitano of Mr. A. G. Romano, the Portuguese Consul-General. Having, in the opinion of a section of the members, acted injuriously to the interests of the Club during the recent visit of the Portuguese Minister, Mr. Romano was twice called upon by letter to explain his conduct. No satisfactory replies having been received, Mr. Romano was summoned to attend a meeting of the Directors to give explanations, but he did not attend. The Directors thereupon unanimously expelled Mr. Romano, acting under Rule 42. On behalf of the Consul-General, Messrs. Deacon and Hastings have written the Directors saying Mr. Romano 'will take prompt steps against the Directors by way of injunction or otherwise as he may be advised, and he will hold the Directors and Club responsible to him for all damages, costs and expenses,' and Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist have replied that they are willing, on behalf of the Directors and Club, to accept service.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

**Notes by the Way.**  
An interesting article on the late Mr. Commissioner Kerr will be found on Pages 2 and 3.

Mahini, who was the brainy man of the Philippine Insurrection, and Aguinaldo's chief secretary, refuses to take the oath of allegiance to the U.S. Government, and is still a prisoner in Guam.

In future, there will be three American admirals on the Asiatic station—Admiral R. D. Evans being chief, with Admirals Cooper and Stirling as his juniors. Admiral Evans will be relieved in March by Admiral Barker, two numbers above him in rank and until recently commandant of the New York Navy Yard.

**Cholera in the Philippines.**  
During the past year, there were 120,074 cases of cholera in the Philippine Islands and 79,846 deaths—a mortality of 63 per cent.

**Died Running Amok.**  
An Indian constable, who was lectured by a superior officer, ran amok in Kowloon, yesterday afternoon. In his agitation, he fired twenty shots from a revolver, by the last of which he was, himself, slain.

**Pacific Cable.**  
It has been decided that the cable of the Pacific Commercial Cable Co. will connect San Francisco with Manila and then Manila with Shanghai. Hongkong is to be avoided, apparently, because of existing Conventions with the Eastern Extension Co.

**Singapore Municipality.**  
The Singapore Municipal estimates for 1903 are published. The revenue is set at \$1,783,028. The outlay is given at \$1,751,148. The extra outlay out of loans includes \$143,475 on Kallang Valley Extension \$70,819 for Pools Hill Reservoir, and \$12,246 for completion of filters.

**The Tung Lok Lane Collapse.**  
The inquiry into the collapse of Nos. 12 and 14 Tung Lok Lane on the 12th November was continued, to-day, at the Magistrate's Court, before Mr. F. A. Hazell and the following jury:—Messrs W. Goldenberg, C. H. Blasen, and E. W. Terry. Mr. F. D. L. Bowley appeared for the Crown; and Mr. H. W. Looker on behalf of the contractors and shovers, the Wing Sing firm, and the architect, Messrs Leigh and Orange.

**Alleged Robbery.**  
A boy was robbed of \$20, whilst sleeping on a junk which was lying, yesterday, off Fish-lans. He awoke, and found one of the passengers on the junk cutting the string which bound the basket containing his money and spare clothing. When the master of the junk was informed of the affair, a search was made, and on the person of one of the passengers a sum of money was found, which corresponded with the description given by the victim of the theft. The case is being investigated by the police.

**Mortality in the French Army.**  
General Andre, speaking in the Senate recently, admitted that since the Treaty of Frankfurt in 1871, the deaths from disease in the French Army numbered 90,000, against 13,000 in the German Army. The mortality of the French Army was 21.74 per thousand per year, while the average mortality of the German Army was 7.4 per thousand per annum. The deaths which occurred in the French Army were chiefly due to typhoid and consumption.

**Band at King Edward Hotel.**  
By kind permission of Col. Birdwood and Officers, the Band of the 10th Bombay Light Infantry will play the following selections during dinner on Friday night, from 7.30 to 9 p.m., at the King Edward Hotel:—  
March 'The Scotch Brigade'. Arbuckle Valse 'Blue Bird'. Strauss Selection 'Frites of Pommes'. Sullivan Lancers 'Connaught'. Godfrey Song 'Promise of Life'. P. H. Cowen Valse 'Sobre Las Olas'. J. Ross Barn Dance 'Happy Dances'. Godfrey God Save the King.

**The Siam-Japan Alliance.**  
The admixture of Malay blood in the Siamese crew of the warship of the latter nation now in Yokohama was in evidence on Thursday, 18th ult., after dark in a fierce fight which took place on the helms between the police and some hundred or more of the men-of-war's men (reports the *Japan Advertiser*). As described to us by an eyewitness, an attempt to arrest one of the drunken sailors resulted in a tremendous onslaught upon the handful of officers, who, however, clung pluckily to their fought their way out of a veritable heap of their assailants, and conveyed him to the Water Police Station. This was followed by an attack upon the station with a volley of stones, while the infuriated crowd, not content with smashing the windows, brandished their long knives in most threatening fashion. Words being sent to the Central Station, a large force of police were soon upon the spot, and made short work of the sailors, some of whom were badly clubbed, while others rushed for their boats, a few seeking refuge in the Customs House or otherwise trying to elude the officers. Those arrested were afterwards sent off to their ship.

**TELEGRAMS.**

[REUTERS SERVICE.]  
**MISSION TO THE SHAH OF PERSIA.**  
LONDON, January 6, 1903.  
Viscount Darnley has been appointed to the head of the Mission taking to the Shah the insignia of the Garter.

**CRICKET.**  
The Committee of the M. C. C. have approved of selecting the wicket by an arch, but have decided to ascertain the views of all the Counties and of the Australian and Philadelphia authorities before submitting the proposal to a General Meeting of the Club.

**NEW AUSTRALIAN GOVERNOR.**  
Admiral Sir F. G. Bedford has been appointed Governor of Western Australia.

**PASSAGE OF THE DARDANELLES.**  
The British Embassy at Constantinople has presented the Porte with a formal protest against the passage of four Russian destroyers through the Dardanelles in September, declaring it to be a violation of international treaties, and claiming, if occasion arise, the same privilege for British warships.

**ST. ANDREW AT WEIHAIWEI.**  
A correspondent writes to the *Shanghai Mercury*:—  
On the 29th of last month (November), our Scotch fellow residents, or, to be more correct, the members of the Weihaiwei St. Andrew's Society, invited their friends to a dinner given at the Queen's Hotel in honour of their patron saint, and with a Scotch Commissioner at the head of affairs, it is really remarkable what a number of Scotchmen we have in our small community. The large dining room at the Queen's Hotel was tastefully decorated with flags, etc., and at 8 o'clock about 60 persons sat down to dinner, the proceedings being enlivened by the strains of the Amphitrite's band, kindly lent for the occasion. His Honour the Commissioner (Mr. Stewart Lockhart) took the chair, and Major Bruce was Vice-Chairman. The company looked gay with the various regimental uniforms displayed, which included at least half a dozen kilts and among which I noticed those of the Royal Scots, Black Watch, Scots Guards, Gordon Highlanders, Colchester and the K.O.S.B's. I am told that the South Sea Highlanders were also represented.

The Haggis was ushered in with due and ancient Scottish honours, by a Highlander whose costume attracted some considerable attention. This Highlander was none other than the Captain's Cox of H.M.S. *Amphitrite*. Unfortunately (?) he had left his kilt at home, but like the usual handy man he rose to the occasion and in a very short time he had made a complete suit of kilts (if that is the right expression) from a blanket, spung yarn, kerseene oil and a few odds and ends.

The Haggis was paraded round the room and placed before the Chairman, who was then presented with a quail filled with the usual Highland cream, which the Chairman seemed to take rather kindly. The Haggis was then placed before the V.C. (not Victoria Cross please, but Vice Chairman) where a similar performance was gone through. This completed the ceremony so far as the Haggis was concerned which was now served up to the various diners. In the meantime, we had a hasty game with the quail which was filled with the aforementioned Highland cream, and passed round is each person, but as the Chairman began and finished this game he of course won easily. The Hon. Sec. alone refused to join in this fun, and calls himself a Scotchman!

A number of toasts were drunk, and an item in the musical programme was the singing of 'The Deil's Awa' w' the excitements by Mr. Stewart Lockhart. The songs and musical items were without exception well rendered.

The toasts were all drunk with Highland honours. By the way, I noticed that one killed warrior when called upon to drink with Highland honours stretched himself full length over the table, while yet another tried to do the honours by standing on his head. These are, I imagine, peculiarities of their own peculiar Regiment. But I won't give their Regiment away. Due and well merited recognition was given for the valuable services rendered by the Hon. Sec., Mr. J. Williamson, to whom a great extent of the success of the evening was due. The proceedings were brought to a close shortly after midnight by singing 'Auld Lang Syne' and 'God Save the King' (heard a faint voice asking for 'some sweet music'). The whole affair was such a grand success that our 'brither Scots' are now seriously thinking of having a Burns night.

**Currency Question in Verse.**  
The following is a verse of a topical song sung at a smoking concert at Tanglin the other day:—  
The Currency question's latest furore,  
I've no great objection to that.  
Penny is for Gold and sole Singapore,  
And what's the objection to that.  
There's none that I know of except the old wheeze.  
That low silver is good for the wealthy Chinese.  
And the white man's no interest compared unto these,  
And we've the greatest objection to that.

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**SILVER CURRENCY FOR CHINA.**

The following contributed article is taken from the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 30th ult.:—

Hongkong did well lately in refusing when the proposition was made to adopt gold currency in that colony. The time has not yet come. China is still a silver country, and it would be dangerous for Hongkong to adopt a drastic policy which would suit her only if she were close to India like Ceylon. The position assumed by Hongkong is like that of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank which has a silver and a gold reserve. In Feb., 1901, when the dollar rate was 2/1, the gold reserve of the Bank was ten million dollars and the silver reserve two million dollars. The Bank, under Sir Thomas Jackson's successful management, has a bimetallic reserve. A million was added to the silver reserve at that time, and the sterling reserve was invested in sterling securities. When the 1901 report of the same bank for August appeared, the silver reserve had risen to \$3,750,000 and the sterling remained at ten millions. From this circumstance, it is plain that the policy of the bank is to increase silver reserve. If so, then the Chinese governmental Peking and the provinces would do well to hold firmly to a silver policy. By so doing, silver may rise again in price. It is still kept low to a discouraging extent by the spread of gold monometallism. In 1896, six years ago, the exchange value of gold was 32. It is now 44. Such is the effect of the action of the Indian government. Gold monometallism rules in London and is paramount in India. With the extension of gold currency in Germany, Japan, and India, the price of silver has been forced down.

The financial question of most importance in silver countries now is by what means the value of silver can be restored. It must be by increasing the demand. Can China with her great resources do anything to restore her currency to a satisfactory position? She can. The spirit of gold monometallism was shown to be pitiless by the answer given to the Chinese government when a request was made to the representatives of the European powers to allow the indemnity of 450 millions to be paid in silver. They knew that gold was rising, and they insisted that the indemnity must be paid in gold. The Chinese Government would have been willing to propose to reduce the indemnity to the value of silver, but the European powers would not allow it. The demand for silver may be promoted by introducing silver cash in place of copper cash. Copper is heavy and dear. Silver is lighter, and being now cheap, the exchange is given to make it into cash that may be strung together in parcels of a hundred, or fifty, as may be found convenient. The larger cash made of copper may be called in and sold at a profit. If the government does not do this, the unprincipled persons will do it for their own profit; another method which should be adopted by the Chinese Government to increase the demand for silver is to reduce the demand for silver in every province without further delay. Foreign capital should be employed to much larger extent than now. Foreigners should be on the boards of directors in order to hasten the construction of railways. The increase in the demand for silver which would thus be caused would raise the market value of silver. This would be the most effectual answer to make to the pitiless attitude of the foreign powers. Capital may also be invited from foreign countries to aid in the extension of agriculture and mining operations.

Another method which China should adopt to aid in the recovery of the value of silver is to advocate bimetalism in her diplomatic negotiations. Native scholars in the Chinese legations abroad ought to study the question fundamentally, and press home on foreign governments the inherent injustice of gold monometallism. The gold advocates grow rich, not so much by the commerce as by forcing the value of silver property to resign to the gold holder. If Chinese diplomacy were thoroughly pervaded by a sense of the injustice of the treatment to which China is exposed as a silver country, the question would become a moral one, and she would touch the consciences of the gold country governments. England gives less than she ought to give for the silk, hides wool and tea of China, because her gold policy also reduces their currency value. Honesty is the best policy. The Chinese know this when they say to be just is to secure profit. It is a mistake to be so in the end. There would be great benefits resulting to universal humanity if England would bravely face financial difficulties in India by abandoning the cultivation of the poppy as a source of revenue, replacing it by other productions such as tea and grain, which would yield a compensating revenue. This would be doing justice to China. Also to promote the trade between India and China, England should restore silver to its rightful place in the currency of her great dependency. The recent adoption of gold currency in the Straits and Siam is solely owing to the gold policy of the Indian government. Trade with China would be greatly benefited by the abandonment of opium and the substitution of silver, yarn, cotton, indigo, silk goods, tobacco and the like. China ought to send a minister to be near Lord Curzon, and he should have a foreign adviser to study Indian trade and finance from the Chinese point of view. If Sir Huddell Macartney in London is not a pronounced bimetalist he ought to be, in order that he may aid the Chinese Minister, especially in Indian questions. The opium trade is declining. Articles to take its place must bear silver prices to suit the China market. Public sentiment in India ought to be bimetallic in order to push to a wider expansion the trade between India and China. To raise the exchange value of silver is to raise the market value of all property in silver countries.

**WEATHER REPORT.**  
The following notice is issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—  
On the 8th at 11.40 a.m. The depression has moved into the Pacific to the N.E. of Japan.

The thermometer has risen over Japan, fallen considerably along the China coast, particularly in the North.

Pressure is highest between the E. coast of China and W. Japan, and probably another depression has appeared over N. China.

Decreasing monsoon in S. China and the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—moderate N.E. winds; fair.















### Vessels Advertised as Loading.

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January 20.  
February 18.  
Jan. 9, Daylight.  
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January 13.  
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Jan. 12, at 1 p.m.  
Jan. 10, Daylight.  
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